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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

REQUEST FOR FILE WRAPPER CONTINUING APPLICATION
UNDER 37 CFR 1.62

Honorable Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Box FWC
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is a Request for filing a

Continuation Divisional

under 37 CFR 1.62 of prior pending application

Serial No. 08/330,797

Art Unit: 1107

Filed: October 28, 1994

Examiner: M. Wilczewski

Entitled: METHOD FOR PROCESSING SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE
APPARATUS FOR PROCESSING A SEMICONDUCTOR AND APPARATUS FOR
PROCESSING SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE

by the following named inventors:

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Akira TAKENOUCHI, Yasuhiko TAKEMURA

The above identified prior application in which no payment of the issue fee, abandonment of, or termination of proceedings has occurred, is hereby expressly abandoned as of the filing date of this new application. Please use all the contents of the prior application file wrapper, including the drawings, as the basic papers for the new application. (Note: 37 CFR 1.60 may be used for applications where the prior application is not to be abandoned.)

The PTO did not receive the following
listed item(s). Check for \$1,522.00
Received for \$1,412.00

1. To the best of information and belief, the current correspondence address of the inventors is as set forth in the attachment to this report.
2. Enter the amendment previously filed in the prior application on November 12, 1996 under 37 CFR 1.116, but unentered.
3. A preliminary amendment is attached.
4. The filing fee is calculated on the basis of the claims existing in the prior application as amended at 2 and 3 above.

For:	No. Filed		No. Extra	Rate Sm/Lg Entity	Fee
Basic Fee				\$385/770	\$770.00
Total Claims	31	- 20	11	x 11/22	\$242.00
Independent Claims	8	- 3	5	x 40/80	\$400.00
First presentation of multiple dependent claims			\$130/260		
Total					\$1,412.00

5. Amend the specification by inserting before the first line, the sentence:
--This application is a Continuation of Serial No. 08/330,797, filed October 28, 1994, now abandoned; which itself is a Continuation-in-Part of Serial No. 08/160,909, filed December 3, 1993.--
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6. A check in the amount of \$1,522.00 is enclosed.
Includes petition extension of time for one month.
7. The small entity status established in the parent application continues to be applicable and such small entity status is hereby requested for the present application.

8. [X] Priority is claimed under 35 USC 119 based on foreign application(s) No.(s) 5-301172 and 6-100642
Filed in (country) Japan
On (date): November 5, 1993 and April 13, 1994
[] Certified copy (copies) attached.
[X] Certified copy (copies) filed on October 28, 1994 in prior United States Serial No. 08/330,797 filed on October 28, 1994.

9. [X] The prior application is assigned of record to Semiconductor Energy Laboratory Co., Ltd.

10. [X] The power of attorney in the prior application is to:

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12. [X] The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge fees under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17 (except the issue fee) which may be required now or hereafter, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-2380. A duplicate of this form is attached.

13. [X] It is hereby petitioned under 37 CFR 1.136 that the response term in the prior pending application be extended, if necessary, to a date which includes the filing date of the present application, and the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any necessary extension fee to Deposit Account No. 19-2380. The prior pending application is hereby expressly abandoned upon the award of a filing date to this application.

14. [X] Also enclosed:

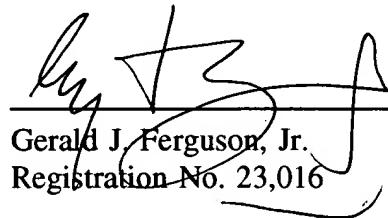
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